

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2019

The Marshall County Board met in the Marshall County Board Room for the October Board meeting on October 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, Stash, Minnick, Johnson, Gauwitz, Bakewell, Daykin and Lindstrom present. Balensiefen, Donna, McLaughlin were absent

It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to approve the minutes for 9/12/19 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, motion carried.

Balensiefen was present at 8:35 a.m.

#19-69 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Daykin to **approve the appointment of John Murphy to a 5-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals met and recommend approval on a text amendment regarding setbacks for wind energy systems.

#19-70 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve a Text Amendment relating to Wind Energy Conversion Systems, ZBA #19-223.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Sloan also stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse to consider the Special Use Permit application from Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC a joint venture between Stewardship Energy LLC and Akuo Energy for 92 megawatt Wind Farm.

Sloan also stated that he put a copy of the applications in the County Clerk's office if anyone was interested in looking at them.

#19-71 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Johnson to **approve a Request for County Aid 9 #601 for a culvert repair in Richland Road, Lacon Township. Budget for County Share is \$10,000.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-72 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Johnson to **approve the Request for County Aid (#903) for a culvert replacement on 800N, Roberts Township. Budget for County share is \$25,000.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-73 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Daykin to **approve an Agreement Concerning Reimbursement and Sharing of Certain Costs related to the Prairie Violet Wind Farm.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated that the Saratoga bridge project is complete and opened. The bridge replacement in Bennington Township on 500N will be open later today as it is completed. The South Yankee project is moving along and is now shut down to one lane in places they are doing culvert installations.

Sloan reported that recycling has been routine. He also mentioned that they will be having a electronic collection event on Friday, October 25th, 2019 at the Marshall County Highway Department from Noon-5:00 P.M.

#19-74 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Bakewell to **table** the Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments until next month County Board meeting.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Finance Chairman Bakewell reported on the proposed 2020 Budget. He stated that the total appropriation is \$8.3 million dollars, and this is about a \$700,000 increase from 2019 Budget. The increase is made up of three areas. He stated that the combined 6 Highway Funds are up about \$460,000 from 2019, the purchase of two new trucks in the amount of \$210,000, Wenona Road culvert bridge project of \$200,000 and Western Rd Engineering \$55,000. He also stated that the General Fund is up \$127,000 due to the purchase of two new sheriff vehicles, two elections and \$80,000 for a grant project. He also stated the Airport paving project is \$72,000 for the over run that will be repaid by the state. It was also mentioned that the County had paid an extra \$500,000-\$750,000 into the ECO pension portion of the IMRF. If the three current employees that have ECO retire at the end of their term, we are looking at a \$2 million dollar bill. Bakewell's recommendation to the board is to not pay anything extra into the ECO fund and that we build the local pension fund with the \$250,000 each year and make this change in 2019 and 2020.

Bakewell also reported on the levy. Excluding the Airport, it is about a 1.6% increase from 2019. This is due to the three Highway funds and Social Security. The Airport is an increase of 5%.

Bakewell stated to the board the total for the unfunded pension liability for 2018 was under \$2 million that is the lowest it has been in over 10 years. Two years ago, it was over \$4 million.

#19-75 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** to have the **2020 Budget** out for public viewing until the November meeting. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-76 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **not make the additional payment of \$250,000 to IMRF for 2019**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen also mentioned to all the members that by looking at the chart on page 1 of the budget that the budget has increased 3.1 million dollars in the last 10 years. You may want to keep in mind when things are getting approved.

#19-77 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Bakewell to **approve Resolution State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-78 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve NCICG Bill Economic Development Annual Local Share for 2019-2020**. Vote shows: all ayes, 1 nay and 2 absent.

19-79 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 04-35-228-003 (Lacon Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-80 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 08-21-126-002 (La Prairie Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-81 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Daykin to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 09-11-401-004 (Steuben Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-82 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Minnick to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 12-36-377-001 (Richland Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-83 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 13-16-105-021 (Bell Plain Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-84 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Daykin to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 06-18-152-018 (Roberts Township)**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#19-85 It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Stash to **table the EMA contract with Lenz Brother for rent** until November County Board meeting due to a clause that needs to be added to the resolution for an opt out option. Roll call vote shows: 5 no, 4 yes, 1 abstained and 2 absent.

#19-86 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Bakewell to **approve Marshall/Putnam County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The County will pay the whole amount and the Cities and Villages will reimburse their portion to the County annually.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen gave an update on Career Link. Career Link is an organization that is funded by Federal Government. We currently belong to number 16 which has a total of 8 Counties that are involved. We currently have an office at the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau building. Tammy Roush works 2 days a week. They provide service to people who need help finding a job. They also help school districts with children who have dropped out of school find jobs. They can also help children out who have issues with finances with paying for college. They have only had 5-6 people go to there office in the past 5 years. Chairman Kroeschen stated that he called the Chairman of the Executive Committee David Zimmerman and asked if they would not close our location. November 21st they are going to hold a meeting and see how they can get people to participate. They currently receive \$14,000 for advertisement for the 8 Counties. There going to get all 4 schools involved. This service does not cost the County any money.

It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Lindstrom for the **Payment of Bills**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick reported that there are currently 2 dogs that are going to be adopted out.

Building & Grounds: Johnson reported they had repairs to the hallway closet as there was a leak, evaporator quall had to be replaced and extra tubing in the Courtroom for cyber security, air conditioner in the vault had to be fixed and new air conditioner for the Courtroom.

EMA: Stash reported they will have a meeting in November to discuss the lease agreement.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported they had a meeting and they came up with the approval for education reimbursement and the supervisor has to be the one to approve the schooling and that it will also help with their current job or not with parameters and the money will be limited. They also discussed the internet policy.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Daykin reported they received a grant from Central Illinois Agency on Aging. With this grant they were able to purchase an additional minivan that is easier for seniors to get in and out of.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported everything has been normal.

Airport: Gauwitz stated that there will be a meeting tonight.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: McGlasson reported they had a meeting this last week and they have a workshop scheduled for Saturday, November 9th and they have all 6 speakers still attending.

Enterprise Zone: Chairman Kroeschen noted to take this off the roster.

ETSB (911): Nothing to report.

Health Dept.: Hector Gomez was present and reported that they are trying to hire a new nurse as the one they hired didn't work out. A nurse from Putnam County is covering the services now until a new one is hired. Hector also stated that the environmental staff is still having issues with smoking in establishments. An email was sent out to have people attend the City Council meeting in Henry on October 21st.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Daykin reported they had a meeting October 1st. She stated they are not sure what is going to happen with the capital funds as far as getting different vehicles for different entities. They also talked about the upcoming Census.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Lindstrom reported they had a field day two days ago at IVCC. They have about 30 students in the Ag Department.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Johnson reported they had a routine meeting

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported they did not have a meeting.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they did have a meeting.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that the Lacon Community Center is having a taco night on October 18th. On November 2nd they are having trivia night. North Central Council of Governments is celebrating 40 years. Senator Chuck Weaver will be at Hearthside in Wenona on Monday, October 14th at 10:00 A.M. for a press release.

Various Correspondence:

Stash reported he has received several letters on the hog confinement facilities asking why there was nothing on the agenda. Chairman Kroeschen stated that the County Board had taken a vote in a recent meeting to send the letter to the IL Department of Ag and they did. He stated the County Board has no control this is a State issue. Chairman Kroeschen stated that it was on the agenda for the September meeting that someone in the community wanted the County Board to pass a resolution. There was discussion at the last meeting, but no decision was made, and he received no calls from any of the County Board members to put this back on the agenda for a vote. Lindstrom reported that it was already on the agenda in September and it was tabled because of the lack of interest for making the motion. It was discussed and the County Board members made the decision to not put this back on the agenda.

Public Comment:

Sharon DeWeerth was present. She passed out a revised resolution. She understands the County Board is not able to do anything, but she wants to voice her opinion. She stated that she will be making the trip to Springfield. Chairman Kroeschen wanted to thank Sharon DeWeerth for all the work that she has done but the County Board has no jurisdiction over the hog farm.

Bob Fecht who is the President of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau was present. He stated that the Farm-Bureau looked at the resolution and some of the issues that Sharon had brought up. The M-P Farm-Bureau has talked to both parties that are involved. Buffalo Run-Nicholas Rippel, Township Trustees, Road Commissioner Dennis Pyles, County Engineer Pat Sloan and Supervisor John Murphy. They advised Nicholas Rippel to have a road agreement with the Township and County. They also had Kevin from Illinois Farm Bureau come and talk to the Township Officials and Trustees to give them the parameters of Road Agreements and Statues that are applicable. Fecht also stated that he is not sure who this will move forward, but he is afraid that it will end up with Attorneys and lawsuits.

At 10:11 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Lindstrom to **recess** the meeting.

11/14/19 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to approve the **minutes 10/10/19 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.